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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SREF, LA, TH
SUBJECT: FURTHER ON ALLEGED FORCED REPATRIATION OF LAO
REFUGEES

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1. UNHCR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE (MOUCHET) VISITED JAN 6 NORTHERN
NAN PROVINCE FROM WHICH APPROXIMATELY 104 LAO REFUGEES WERE
SAID TO HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY REPATRIATED ON DEC 27 (REFTEL).
HE LEARNED THAT THE PEOPLE, ETHNIC LAO FROM CHINAG LAM VIL-
LAGE JUST NORTH OF THE BORDER HAD FLED TO THAILAND THE PRE-
VIOUS WEEK WHEN THEY REBELLED OVER PL ATTEMPTS TO SIEZE THEIR
RICE HARVEST AS TAXES. THE REFUGEES SET FIRE TO THE RICE
AND CAME TO THAILAND WITH THEIR BUFFALOES TO STAY WITH RELA-
TIVES ON THE THAI SIDE. THEE WERE ONLY THIRTY ABLE-BODIED
MEN IN THE GROUP, ALL THE REST BEING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND
ELDERLY.

2. ALLEGEDLY AFTER THE RELATIVES COMPLAINED TO LOCAL
AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE 104 OVERSTAYING THEIR WELCOME
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SOME SOLDIERS ARRIVED WIT TRUCKS TO TAKE THEM BACK TO
THE FRONTIER. THEY DROPPED THEM OFF CLOSE TO THE BORDER,
SEEMING DELIBERATELY NOT TO FORCE THEM ACROSS IT
BECAUSE OF REALIZATION OF WHAT COULD RESULT. THE LAO
REFUGEES REPORTEDLY WENT INTO FOREST ON THAI SIDE, JOIN-
ING OTHERS THERE AND EMERGE DAILY TO OBTAIN FOOD FROM
SAME RELATIVES WHO ORIGINALLY COMPLAINED ABOUT THEM. THE

SITUATION IS LIKELY TO REMAIN AS IS.
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